



Docket No.: 1349.1283

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hyun-wook BAE

Serial No. 10/629,719

Group Art Unit: 2852

Confirmation No. 6837

Filed: July 30, 2003

Examiner: Hoang X. Ngo

For: DEVELOPER-SUPPLYING SYSTEM OF IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Statements of Reasons for Allowance were forwarded in the Office Actions of October 20, 2004 and April 5, 2005.

MPEP §1302.14 states, in part:

Where specific reasons are recorded by the examiner, care must be taken to ensure that statements of reasons for allowance (or indication of allowable subject matter) are accurate, precise and do not place unwarranted interpretations, whether broad or narrow upon the claims. The examiner should keep in mind the possible misinterpretations of his or her statement that may be made and its possible estoppel effects.

The Examiner characterizes certain features of identified claims. However, it is submitted that the Examiner's characterizations are not accurate. For example, the discussion of claims 2-10 and 18-22 in the Office Action of April 5 refers to a roller disposed in a spaced-apart relation. However, claim 2 recites a roller part disposed in a spaced-apart relation. Furthermore, claim 18 does not recite a spaced-apart relation, but instead recites that the roller forms a gap with the supplier. The discrepancies between the Examiner's reasons and the claims are not limited to those discussed herein.

It is further submitted that the claims speak for themselves and should not be interpreted based on the Examiner's characterizations of same. It is also submitted that the claims provide their own best evidence as to the reasons for allowance.

In summary, it is submitted that the Examiner's Statement "raises possible misinterpretations... and possible estoppel effects" (M.P.E.P. §1302.14) and is therefore improper.

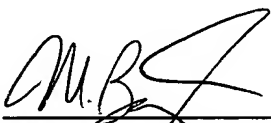
If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited and possibly concluded by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss any such remaining issues.

If there are any underpayments or overpayments of fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge and/or credit the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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